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BEGIN SUMMARY: HEATH'S APPOINTMENT OF HIS CLOSE POLITI-
CAL ASSOCIATE AND DEFENSE SECRETARY, LORD CARRINGTON, TO
HEAD A NEW ENERGY DEPARTMENT MANIFESTS HIS DETERMINATION
TO SEE THAT PRIORITY ATTENTION IS GIVEN THAT AREA.
TOGETHER WITH OTHER MINISTERIAL SHIFTS, THE CURRENT RE-
SHUFFLE SHOULD STRENGTHEN THE GOVERNMENT AND BENEFIT THE
TORY PARTY IF A GENERAL ELECTION TAKES PLACE IN THE NEAR
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FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

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1. IN THE PRESENT WOR D ENERGY CRISIS, IT SEEMED IN-
EVITABLE THAT PM HEATH WOULD FIND IT NECESSARY TO CREATE
A NEW DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT HEADED BY A POWERFUL
CABINET MEMBER WHO COULD CONCENTRATE ON THE PROBLEMS OF
ENERGY WHICH ARE SO VITAL TO BRITAIN. OPPOSITION
POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE PRESS HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR
SUCH A MOVE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND HEATH'S APPOINTMENT
OF CARRINGTON, ONE OF HIS CLOSEST CABINET ASSOCIATES, TO
THE JOB OF POWER "SUPREMO" DEMONSTRATES THE PRIORITY HE
INTENDS TO GIVE TO THIS KEY AREA. UNDERLINING THIS,
HEATH HAS GIVEN CARRINGTON AN EXTREMELY STRONG SUPPORTING
MINISTERIAL TEAM: PATRICK JENKIN HAS DONE VERY WELL IN
THE NUMBER TWO JOB AT TREASURY, HAS IMPRESSED BOTH
PARTIES BY HIS ABILITY IN THE COMMONS AND WILL ACT AS
PRINCIPAL SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW DEPARTMENT THERE (SINCE
CARRINGTON IS IN LORDS); DAVID HOWELL, A RISING YOUNG
(37) STAR IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE DONE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL
IN HIS ARDUOUS JOB AS MINISTER IN THE NORTHERN IRELAND
OFFICE; AND PETER EMERY WHO DID A GOOD JOB AS PARLIAMEN-
TARY UNDERSECRETARY IN DTI ON ENERGY MATTERS AND BRINGS
EXPERTISE IN THE OIL INDUSTRY WITH WHICH HE HAS BEEN
ASSOCIATED FOR MANY YEARS.

2. IT IS KNOWN THAT HEATH'S DECISION TO CREATE THE NEW
ENERGY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN SOME TIME IN THE MAKING. IT
HAD BEEN RESISTED BY PETER WALKER, WHOSE DEPARTMENT OF
TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) WILL LOSE MANY OF ITS FUNCTIONS.
THE DECISION WAS PROBABLY ALSO DELAYED BY CONSIDERATIONS
CONCERNING THE DESIRABILITY OF REPLACING JOHN DAVIES AS
MINISTER FOR EUROPE, A MOVE THAT HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED
IN THE CURRENT SHUFFLE. THE CHOICE OF CARRINGTON TO
HEAD THE NEW DEPARTMENT WAS A NATURAL ONE. HE HAS MADE
AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AS DEFENSE MINISTER AND THE PM
ADMIRES HIM. ALSO OF IMPORTANCE IS THE FACT THAT
CARRINGTON'S RELATIONS WITH ARAB LEADERS, DEVELOPED
WHILE HE WAS DEFENSE MINISTER, ARE KNOWN TO BE EXCELLENT.

3. THOUGH WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE CARRINGTON APPOINTMENT
NECESSARILY SIGNALS A GOVERNMENT DECISION REGARDING AN
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EARLY GENERAL ELECTION, A POLITICAL CONSIDERATION MAY
HAVE BEEN THAT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN
THE RUNUP TO AN ELECTION, CARRINGTON WILL HAVE A SOME-
WHAT FREER HAND IN HIS NEW ROLE THAN HE WOULD IN DEFENSE,
WHERE A MORE BIPARTISAN APPROACH MIGHT BE REQUIRED.

4. CARRINGTON'S APPOINTMENT AND THE OTHER MINISTERIAL
SHIFTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FAVORABLY BY THE PRESS. TO-

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GETHER WITH WHITELAW'S SHIFT TO EMPLOYMENT, WE JUDGE
THEY WILL STRENGTHEN BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PARTY,
AND COULD BENEFIT THE CONSERVATIVES SHOULD A GENERAL
ELECTION TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN POLITICAL
TERMS, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL FACTORS ALSO SEEM
SIGNIFICANT:
-THE BIGGEST LOSER IS PETER WALKER AT DTI. THOUGH HE
WILL CONTINUE TO CONTROL THE STEEL INDUSTRY, THE LOSS
SUCCESSIVELY OF CONTROL OVER NEGOTIATING WITH THE MINERS
TO WHITELAW, AND NOW ENERGY TO CARRINGTON, SIGNIFICANTLY

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REDUCES?THE*SCOPE OF DTI. HOWEVER, BUILDING UP BRITISH
EXPORTS TO DEAL WITH INCREASED OIL PAYMENTS WILL BE A
CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FUTURE TASK AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT
WALKER, SUPPORTED BY MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
CHRISTOPH** CHATAWAY, WILL CONCENTRATE HIS ENERGY IN
THIS FIELD. THOUGH HE HAS COME IN FOR SOME PARTY
CRITICISM AS A RESULT OF HIS RECENT PERFORMANCE IN DTI,
WALKER IS A CAPABLE MINISTER AND SHOULD NOT BE WRITTEN
OFF.
-IAN GILMOUR'S MOVE *O THE TOP DEFENSE JOB ALSO PUTS
HIM IN THE CABINET, ALWAYS AN UPWARD SHIFT. HIS APPOINT-
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MENT APPEARS TO DOWNGRADE THE DEFENSE JOB, BUT THIS SEEMS
UNDERSTANDABLE IN BRITAIN'S PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
-GEORGE YOUNGER'S MOVE FROM THE SCOTTISH OFFICE TO RE-
PLACE GILMOUR AT DEFENSE IS AN IMPORTANT PROMOTION.
YOUNGER HAS BEEN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MINISTER IN THE
SCOTTISH OFFICE. TOGETHER WITH THE FACT THAT THERE ARE
SIGNIFICANT DEFENSE ACTIVITIES IN SCOTLAND, SUCCESS IN
THIS JOB MAY SIGNAL AN INTENTION ULTIMATELY TO PROMOTE
HIM TO THE TOP SCOTTISH CONSERVATIVE PARTY POSITION AND
HEAD OF THE SCOTTISH OFFICE, REPLACING GORDON CAMPBELL
WHO HAS FAILED TO DO A REALLY FIRST-CLASS JOB.
-SEVERAL YOUNGER MP'S OF THE "CLASS OF 1970" HAVE ALSO
BEEN PROMOTED (CLARKE, BUTLER, PARKINSON) AND THIS
SHOULD ENCOURAGE OTHERS WHO ASPIRE TO OFFICE. THE
AVERAGE AGE OF THE NEW CABINET IS 53 YEARS FIVE MONTHS,
ONLY THREE MONTHS LESS THAN THE OLD ONE, BUT YOUNGER MEN
HAVE MOVED INTO SOME IMPORTANT MINISTERIAL POSITIONS
AND THE CHANGES SHOULD GIVE THE GOVERNMENT A YOUNGER AND
MORE DYNAMIC IMAGE.
-IN TERMS OF PARTY BALANCE, BOTH RIGHT AND LEFT WILL
BE PLEASED BY THE APPOINTMENTS OF EDWARD (TEDDY) TAYLOR
TO THE SCOTTISH OFFICE AND NICK SCOTT TO EMPLOYMENT.
TAYLOR IS A VERY ABLE RIGHT WING MAVERICK TYPE, WHO
EARLIER RESIGNED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OVER THE COMMON
MARKET ISSUE. SCOTT IS ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN YOUNGER
"LEFT" TORY MP'S, A FOLLOWER OF IAN MACLEOD AND
PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE MODERATE ROBERT
CARR AT EMPLOYMENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY AT THE HOME OFFICE.

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